

24 October 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Houston

SUBJECT: House Appropriations Committee Investigation
Of Executive Agency Coordination Of DOD
Counterinsurgency Program

1. Mr. Stanley Pleasant, General Counsel, USIA, Code 182, x 4490, called today concerning the letter received from Mr. David McGiffert concerning investigation by House Appropriations Committee of the DOD Counterinsurgency Program. Mr. Pleasant noted that Mr. McGiffert's letter pointed out that the investigators appeared to be going beyond the charter provided by the committee. He asked what our policy would be regarding classified documentation that might be requested by the investigators.

2. I advised Mr. Pleasant that after being contacted by the Appropriations investigators we had contacted Mr. Kenneth Sprankle, the Staff Director, who advised that in this instance the investigators were going beyond what might be considered purely appropriations matters and were looking into policy. I further advised that Mr. Cannon has sanctioned the review of CIA coordination with the DOD Program. With regard to the question of classified documentation, I advised that we anticipated that any request for classified documentation concerning Agency coordination on the DOD Program would be readily granted, but that request for classified documentation concerning Agency activities probably would require review and possible reference back to Mr. Cannon.



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Just received this from
the Pentagon - Mr. Gregg. (Mr. Warner
of course has not seen.)

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